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Conservation Commission Minutes 05/07/2009

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES MAY 7, 2009

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, William O'Rourke, Ellen Reed, Ezra Benjamin, Charles Tirone and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Brian Thomas, Associate member, was also in attendance. Also present were Dr. Peter Braun from 11 Parker Rd and Rick Gallagher and Steve Urkhart from the Arlington Boys and Girls Club.

7:45 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

O'Rourke/Reed motioned to approve the 4/16 minutes with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith will sign up the Conservation Commission for a booth at Town Day which is scheduled for September 26, 2009. The board discussed altering the sign board, making it shorter and composing a better schedule for booth attendance.

Mr. White reported that the Cookes Hollow project proposals were reviewed and four top ones were selected for final approval review and interviews.

The board is organizing a cleanup of Meadowbrook Park. It is likely that two dates will be chosen, one sooner, 5/16, and one later, 5/31, in order to accommodate everyone's busy spring schedules.

Ms. Beckwith reported on a call from the tenant of 78 Bow St in response to a letter from the Commission. The caller reported that the outside lot is only used seasonally to store equipment during the busy season. He has installed an oil/water separator inside the building. Ms. Beckwith directed him to install new siltfence along the existing metal fence between the brook and the paved parking area. The board discussed whether a curb could be installed at the site and what kind of spill prevention equipment and training is in operation at this location. Mr. Tirone will call and visit the site to follow up with the tenant. The Commission expressed desire that the tenant appear before the board for further discussion of this matter.

8pm – EXTENSION to ORDER OF CONDITIONS (DEP File No. 91-185) – near 11 PARKER RD, UPPER MYSTIC LAKE aquatic weed control

This permit was issued 6/2/06 and was to expire on 6/2/09.

Dr. Braun quickly updated the board on the expert treatment that is provided by Aquatic Control Technology at this location on the Upper Mystic Lake. The proposal for this year includes the use of Aquathol Super K and Reward to control the growth of waterlily. He provided a diagram of the treatment area to show the newer members of the board.

Benjamin/White motioned to extend the permit for another three years; motion was approved, with one abstention by Ms. Reed.

8:30pm – NOTICE OF INTENT – 60 POND LANE dock replacement

The Arlington Boys and Girls club is proposing to replace the existing cement-topped dock with a new modular one. The existing dock will be detached and floated to the boat ramp in Spy Pond Park. The existing shoreline will remain intact. The new dock will be assembled and attached to the existing piers. The existing dock was first installed in the 60s and replaced in the 80s. The work also includes replacement of one window on the second floor of the building. Minimal access equipment will be required from the pond side of the building, maybe only a ladder.

Mr. Tirone asked if there is a Chapter 91 permit for this dock. Ms. Beckwith said that she would check in her office for it.

Mr. Stevens asked about the response from the Natural Heritage program. Mr. Gallagher said that their office needs a few more pieces of information.

Tirone/Benjamin motioned to approve the project with the condition that the Chpt. 91 permit be obtained, if not already done; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tirone requested the consideration of installing one of the new signs regarding the prevention of spreading aquatic weeds.

Mr. Gallagher and Urkhart said that they would ask their board to review the request.

COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

The project at 995 Massachusetts Ave, Mill Brook Condos, (DEP File No. 91-197) has filed for their Certificate of Compliance. Ms. Beckwith will conduct a site walk.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Administrator